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## Council Meeting Presentation Request

Completed requests to make a public presentation must be received by 12:00 noon on the Wednesday immediately prior to the scheduled meeting. **Presentations are a maximum of 5 minutes in duration.**

Presentation Information	
Preferred Date of Presentation	Feb. 26, 2019
Name of Presenter(s)	Major Stephen Hibbs
Organization Represented	the Salvation Army of Fort McMurray
Topic	Review of our shelter/housing programs, specifically those that assist the homeless members of our community as well as near homeless.
Please List Specific Points/Concerns	A discussion regarding financial assistance to recoup renovation expenses To create an awareness of the shelter/housing programs offered by The Salvation Army over its 40 years in Fort McMurray Highlighting the responsive nature of this organization to care for marginalized and vulnerable members of our community To share our plans to pursue a diversion program in an effort to prevent homelessness. Effective diversion programs focus on quick solutions that have priority to keep families/individuals in current housing, if it's safe
Action Being Requested of Council	Provision of funding to cover the over \$177,000 renovation expense Additional support in various forms from RMWB Acceptance of an invitation by RMWB Council and senior staff to visit our community services building including our shelters to see and learn exactly what we are and what we do
<p>Are you providing any supporting documentation (ie: Powerpoint)? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p> <p>If yes, the documentation <u>must</u> accompany this request, as handouts will not be distributed at the meeting. To ensure that your documents meet minimum standards, please see presentation guidelines on the next page.</p> <p>Supporting documents may be e-mailed to <a href="mailto:Legislative.Assistants@rmwb.ca">Legislative.Assistants@rmwb.ca</a>.</p>	

*As per Procedure Bylaw No. 14/025, a request to make a presentation may be referred or denied.*



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## **The Salvation Army**

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## **BACKGROUND**

As discussed during previous meetings, the RMWB Council is aware of costs incurred by The Salvation Army to change administrative offices in its Community and Family Services facility on MacDonald Avenue to provide 24 additional beds in keeping with the Provincial Government's agenda it outlined in 2015.

To meet that request, The Salvation Army made the needed renovations as well as leasing office space in the Hardin Street building for our administration staff at a monthly cost of \$11,186.53. In addition to the annual lease expense of \$152,515.70 and monthly operational costs, a one-time re-location expenditure of \$31,632 was necessary. for a total of \$195,334.23..

The re-located offices became operational in October 2015.

In 2018, renovations at the Men's Emergency Shelter began the first week of January to accommodate the 24 additional beds and were completed by March 30.

The total cost of the renovations was \$294,868, including both capital and operational expenses. The Salvation Army received \$136,000 from the Provincial Government to help cover the cost. We had to assume the remaining balance of \$158,868.

We have included a breakdown of calculated loss due to preparation for the additional emergency shelter beds. These figures do not include operational costs such as staffing.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this report. The Salvation Army has always felt supported by the RMWB and appreciate the additional support you have considered with the challenging situation we now find ourselves in.



The Salvation Army Community Services Centre  
“A place of **HOPE**”

In 2017

The Salvation Army of Fort McMurray  
provided **24,455** beds to those needing a safe supportive  
place to stay.

**As requested**

We were prepared to provide **8,030** more.

Then our Funding was interrupted.

**The Salvation Army moved its administrative offices to  
accommodate the expansion requested of 24 additional  
beds.**

**During the 2017-2018 fiscal year, as a direct result of this  
move and the costs incurred in relation to the renovations  
we find ourselves**

**in a deficit of \$ 343,015.70.**

**Having 24 Beds empty each night  
without the funding to provide staffing necessary to  
support the needs of the additional patrons.**

# **THE SALVATION ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTRE – Fort McMurray**

## **RE: Calculated Loss due to Preparation for Emergency Shelter Additional Beds**

COSTS DUE TO RELOCATION OF ADMINISTRATION	\$ 31,632.00
Annual COST Administration Offices	152,515.70
SHELTER RENOVATION COST FOR ADDITIONAL 24 BEDS	294,868.00
Provincial Govt. monies	- 136,000.00
Cost incurred by TSA	158,868.00
<b><u>GRAND TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>\$343,015.70</u></b>



# Shelter Expansion

- The expansion of the shelter has included the development of female dorms and a private washroom for their use. This will allow us to provide beds for all genders presenting with needs.
- The ability to provide supportive services to 24 additional individuals on wait lists.
- The additional beds will provide opportunity to house and support individuals post and pre treatment supporting community services such as Pastew Detox, Mark Amy, The Treatment Centre, Housing First Programs, etc.
- Is in line with the proposal of the provincial government to have one emergency shelter provider.

With the added cost of the expansion and lack of funding we are unable to consider opening the 24 additional beds.

As you are aware there are increased asks from our many departments due to the current economy. With hopes we may move forward and be able to provide additional services we are asking His Honor the Mayor and Members of the Council to consider reimbursing The Salvation Army for the costs incurred due to the disruption in funding.